

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 2, 4-31, 48, 50 and 53-62 now stand in the present application, claims 3, 32, 49, 51 and 52 having been canceled. Since Applicants have canceled claims that have been rejected or objected to by the Examiner, leaving only claims indicated to be allowable in this case, this case is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 1, 2, 4-31, 48, 50 and 53-62, now standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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